

the Lord. Sometimes those who are godly are afflicted; as for example, Job who was afflicted with boils lost every thing he had: was tried in the fire and found not wanting. That was profitable for Job—for after this affliction God blessed him with greater riches and honor than he had ever had before. You see it was profitable for him in this life as well as the life to come.

Daniel, a Hebrew captive, found godliness to be profitable; was taken prisoner when a boy of twelve years; was taken to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar. By being true to his God he had to disobey the king's commands by refusing to defile himself by eating of the king's meat and drinking of the wine which had been offered to idols.

Now godliness was profitable to him in that God brought Daniel and his fellow captives in favor with the prince of the eunuchs. God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

You all know the story of how they were cast in the fiery furnace and they found that godliness was profitable in that tho the furnace was hot enough to kill those who put them in, yet not a hair of their heads was singed. And again when Daniel was cast into the lions' den he found godliness profitable for God sent his angel to shut the lions' mouths, so that no harm came to him.

We might take the story of Joseph who was cast into the well, then sold into Egypt where he became the servant of Potiphar; was tempted of Potiphar's wife; was cast into prison under false accusation but God gave him power to interpret dreams which he did for Pharaoh, who afterwards made him ruler of Egypt and thus Joseph was enabled to save his father and brethren in a time of famine. O, the profitableness of righteousness for Joseph. And secondly, the promise of the life which is to come. "Eye hath not seen nor ear heard neither hath it entered into the heart of men the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

The life to come is free from the trials and troubles of this life, from hunger and thirst; no tears or death can enter there.

The life to come is our future home; how joyous one feels when he has been away from home a long time; how the heart swells with joy when the sight of home comes in view. If our homes here make us joyous how much more joyous will we be when we enter the home over there, when our loved ones are all united around that "Great White Throne" and joining the angels in singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty." Let us realize more fully the profitableness of righteousness. For the Godly person tho poor and sick and blind can live happy in the Lord, can have that happiness that is not obtainable in any other way.

Keep your hearts warm by feeling for others, and your powers active by work done in earnest.—Hall.

Home Circle

My Little Sweetheart

I've a loyal little sweetheart: tho the world should turn from me,
She would only cling the closer, and my happy comrade be.

When I face the world's rough weather, I am sure of a retreat

By my own bright chimney-corner with my darling at my feet.

I've a loyal little sweetheart, and her years that count but three

Are worth more than gems and gold, for this true heart believes in me.

—Margaret E. Sangster, in *Harper's Bazar*.

Letting Other People's Sins Alone

Canadian Churchman.

One ought to have a keener eye for his own faults than for his neighbor's. The three apostolic Gospels are very out-spoken as to the faults and the stupidities of the Apostles. Luke, on the other hand, passes over these much more lightly. They are not his affair, except so far as the mention of them is required to make the story intelligible. The Pharisee who went up to pray had a very lively sense of other people's sin's while he had not one of his own that was worth mentioning. He was especially aware of what might be said about the publican. But the latter knew only of his own sins, and cried for mercy as a vile sinner. Therefore, he came nearer to God than did the eminently religious and respectable Pharisee.

Teach Children Economy

Ladies Home Journal.

Teach children not to waste trifles which they often throw away without thought, and which if saved might be of use to others if not to themselves. Wrapping paper, pieces of twine, odd and ends of various kinds may do service a second time if put away until the need for them arises. The habit of economy is one that ought to be cultivated, for careful saving makes lavish giving possible. Hoarding is not a vice of childhood, nor should it be encouraged, but the wise husbanding of resources for future expenditure is a valuable lesson that cannot be learned too early.

Take Heed What Ye Read,

The Lutheran.

But, while all this is so, the multitudes read, and read, every day, from morning until night, and long into the night. The old and the young, men and women, of every class and degree of education, the poor and rich. Newspapers almost as multitudinous as the snowflakes, fly all day. Magazines by the score; books upon books, free libraries almost in every village. And all this uncounted and inexhaustible matter in type conveys all sorts of facts, truths, falsehoods, opinions, and fancies. The brightest intellects of the day reach millions of minds and hearts by means of the press. The servants of the Lord Jesus can thereby speak to thousands, nay, millions, whom they could never reach by the spoken word. The enemy that

sows the tares never had a finer opportunity, and a better instrument. He has access to every house. Words which no mortal tongue would dare to utter within its walls, are secretly read from the printed page. The poison of false doctrine is administered in the most seductive form. The forbidden fruit is made very "pleasant to the eyes," and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil is described, in the old way, by the same old tempter, disguised, not as a serpent, but it may be a popular novelist, as a tree that is good for food, "and a tree to be desired to make one wise." And the Eves and Adams take and eat, to have their eyes opened, and instead of becoming like gods, to find that they are naked, and to make them hide from God.

At such a time it is highly necessary to utter the warning, "take heed what ye read."

Sisters' Society C. E.

Ashland, Ohio

To the Readers of the S. S. C. E.:—Last week our department was silent but now we bring you a double portion. Certainly you will all enjoy Sister Hedrick's words of cheer. We regretted that she could not be at Conference herself, but glad that she sent her paper which was read by sister Maude Wingard of Flora, Indiana. As requested by Conference, all the other papers will appear in these columns from time to time. The Secretary will also give you the minutes of our business session at Conference that those who were not there may learn what has been done by the S. S. C. E. Let us carefully read this page, as the reports and papers will not only be of interest, but should be of help to you in your S. S. C. E. meetings. Having taken up school work for the year I shall write only occasionally. Almost two weeks of the fall term have passed by, but I haven't yet become reconciled to the change of work. Notwithstanding the beauty of College Hill, and the many improvements, the transition from the free life in the field of action, to quiet study within four walls, is not an easy one. I am longing to see more of our young people here, those that I met in my travels during the summer, and who thought some of coming to school. Let us improve present opportunities.

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THE REAL MISSION OF THE S. S. C. E.

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Dear sisters of the S. S. C. E. at conference assembled: It is not my purpose to prepare for your hearing an elaborate, formal paper, beautiful in diction, fine in phraseology, Emersonian in style, unsurpassed in eloquence, but rather would I give you a heart to heart talk; a talk so simple, so plain, so characteristic of myself, that you shall feel that I am indeed present with you.

No greater joy could be mine than to be with you in this conference, and as I write these words I seem to be for the time far away from my sunny, Virginia home. Be-